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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your note of June 26. I was surprised and fascinated to learn that you are personally acquainted with James Tague.

Your characterization of Gerald Posner's analysis of Oswald as "prosecutorial" reminds me of a criticism that my mother made of the Warren Commission many years ago. She remarked that the Commission acted in many ways as if it were a team of prosecutors in a trial against Oswald. I agree with her. I also think that there is a flip side of that coin, which is that many of those who criticize the Warren Commission act, in effect, as Oswald's defense attorneys. I am not sure that a total acceptance of either point of view necessarily leads to a balanced appraisal of the evidence of the assassination. As for Case Closed itself, I would characterize some of the conclusions in it as guesswork.

I agree with you that it is vital to base any assassination analysis on the evidence alone. I base my belief that the case against Lee Harvey Oswald is clear and convincing on my own analysis of the evidence I have seen, and in particular on my analysis of the Zapruder film and of testimony given to the Warren Commission. My analytical approach is to eliminate scenarios that I believe are impossible. (For instance, based on the evidence I have reviewed, I would start by eliminating any scenario where only one shot was fired in Dealey Plaza, and any scenario where fifteen or more shots were fired there.)

I am now at a stage where I am left with a scenario that is admittedly improbable. In this connection, however, I am fond of quoting Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes character: "When you eliminate the impossible, the improbable remains." I do not like to think, however, that I am unreceptive to conflicting points of view on the evidence. As such, I would like to order a copy of your book Photographic Whitewash. An order form and a check is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Robert Katz